

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #69 - August 31st., 2025

Moderator: We'll begin in chapter 12 of Revelation, Read with me from Revelation 12:13 to 12:17, the last verse of this chapter. Afterwards we'll begin Chapter 13:

Initial Verses:

Revelation 12:13-17 "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Moderator: At this point in verse 13 we take note that the GREAT TRIBULATION has begun. The Devil is furious that he has been kicked out of Heaven and his wrath is towards the Woman (Israel) and gentile believers in Christ...

• #1 SATAN NOW PERSECUTES THE 144,000 AND THE TRIBULATION SAINTS (Rev. 12:17)

Revelation 12:13 "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child."

• THE 144,000 FROM THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL HAVE BEEN SEALED BY GOD (Rev. 12:17)

Revelation 7:4-8 "And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand."

• The Lamb And The 144,000

Revelation 14:1-5 "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

• **TRIBULATION SAINTS: THOSE WHO ACCEPT CHRIST AS SAVIOUR** (Rev. 12:17)

A Great Multitude From Every Nation

Revelation 7:9-17 “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

Revelation 13:7 “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”

Revelation 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

• **WE ARE BELIEVERS IN CHRIST & THEREFORE ARE THE SEED OF ABRAHAM**
(Rev. 12:17)

Galatians 3:6-9 “Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.”

Galatians 3:26-29 “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Moderator: At this point a question arises concerning the Mark of the Beast...

The Mark is an indelible mark on people's forehead or hands. Once those who want the mark and receive it, they have made their decision for eternity. If you take it, you are condemned to the lake of fire with the devil, the beast and the false prophet.

Pastor Rains: I'm pleading that everyone here today pray that they could be used by God to give a gospel witness to their families and friends. If people refuse to believe the gospel now before the tribulation, what makes you think that after the rapture, they'll receive Christ? In my opinion, 99.9% will not believe in Jesus if they had been witnessed to but refuse to believe before the translation of the church into glory. Compel them to come in! Get saved now, while you still can!

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Moderator: Now we'll move to Chapter 13.

• **#2 THE FIRST BEAST: THE ANTICHRIST OVERVIEW** (Rev. 13)

• **THE ANTICHRIST SHALL COME** (Rev. 12:13)

I John 2:18 “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.”

Moderator: John's epistle was written 2,000 years ago, so we are MUCH CLOSER to that “last time” than before. Many antichrist have come and gone, but now THE ANTICHRIST has come. Turn to I John 2:22-23:

• **THE TERM ANTICHRIST: ANYONE WHO DENIES THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST** (Rev. 12:13)

I John 2:22-23 “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”

• **THE ANTICHRIST WILL GO TO BATTLE AGAINST CHRIST** (Rev. 13)

Moderator: Turn to Revelation 19:11-21. This passage refers to the SECOND COMING of CHRIST. This is NOT the rapture of the church.

• **The Rider On A White Horse** (Rev. 13)

Revelation 19:11-21 “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called FAITHFUL AND TRUE, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived

them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”

Psalm 2:8-9 “Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Moderator: This all sounds so terrible, and in fact it is. But we also know who is the victor...Jesus Christ, the only Son of Almighty God the Father. So this also means WE are winners with Jesus and his Father in Heaven! All these enemies of God will go to the lake of fire never again be able to make rebellion against the God who created them.

Pastor Rains: We see current society today is absolutely going to what God says they will do and Psalms Chapter 2 describes exactly how they will do it and also shows their destruction for doing it.

The Reign of the Lord’s Anointed Shown in the Old Testament in Psalms

Psalms 2:1-12 “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”

Moderator: A question was asked about anti-semitism and how it is increasing to the point where it’s almost comparable to the 1930’s in Nazi Germany. This hatred has grown so much in the United States from our own schools! And it’s only going to get worse! Another point is as this happens, hatred of Christians is also a product of this horrific attitude. Christians, for the most part, are allied with the Jews and Israel. This puts us in their gun sites as we just experienced this past week. Next week we’ll discover more about the AntiChrist.

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